

# PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

## ***NARRATIVE PROJECT INFORMATION - October 2011***

*Due to Peter Heffernan (peter.heffernan@kingcounty.gov) no later than close of business Wednesday October 12.*

**Project Sponsor:** City of Auburn

**Project Name:** M Street NE

**Project Location:** M Street NE from E Main ST to 8th ST NE

**What type of project is it:** Support Centers \_\_\_\_ Corridors Serving Centers x\_\_

### **Plan Consistency:**

- Transportation 2040 project number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the project consistent with the Transportation 2040: Yes x\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Project Description - No more than two full page - (see evaluation criteria for information to include):**

This project will construct a complete 4 lane street section on M Street NE between south of E Main Street and 4th Street NE. This project is the final phase of the larger ***M Street SE Corridor*** project that the City has embarked upon over the past decade. Upon completion of this final project, the entire corridor will connect multiple regional Urban Centers and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers improving the movement of goods and freight throughout the Puget Sound region. It will also improve travel for commuters, transit users, local traffic, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

*The following general goals and desired outcomes have been identified for this project:*

1. Provide more Efficient and Safe Connections between Auburn and other Urban and Manufacturing Centers:
  - The M St Corridor will provide an alternate connection route between the Kent and Auburn designated Centers that by-passes and alleviates congestion on Auburn Way and SR-164.
  - The M St Corridor will provide a direct connection between SR167 and SR164 that by-passes congestion on Auburn Way associated with the Central Business District.
2. Serve Regional and Local Destinations:

- **Transit Centers:** The M St Corridor connects with densely populated urban areas to the Metro Park-n-Ride on 15<sup>th</sup> St NW and to Auburn Station (via East Main St).
- **Community and Educational Centers:** The M St Corridor will provide vehicular, transit, and pedestrian access to approximately 56 local Churches, 22 Schools, Les Gove Community Campus, the Auburn King County Library, and the Green River Community College.
- **Regional Attractions:** The M St Corridor will provide access to the Auburn Municipal Airport, Emerald Downs, the Muckleshoot Casino, White River Ampitheater, and the Auburn Performing Arts Center

### 3. Enhance Freight Mobility and Safety:

- This project will add a new continuous arterial connection for freight mobility and safety.
- The grade separation will alleviate a conflict between rail and truck traffic, as well as with commuters by roadway or trail.
- Completing the M St Corridor will reduce traffic including trucks that cut through residential neighborhoods trying to avoid congested arterials.
- Corridor improvements will address safety deficiencies associated with truck traffic.

*The following specific purposes for the M St Grade Separation have been identified:*

- Improve vehicular and pedestrian safety at the M St SE – BNSF crossing;
- Relieve city-wide traffic congestion caused by slow moving freight trains that block M St SE for extended periods of time;
- Improve emergency vehicle access and response time;
- Increase capacity and accommodate future (2030) traffic volumes along the M St. SE corridor;
- Provide non-motorized improvements for bicycles, and pedestrians;
- Reduce neighborhood cut-through traffic and impacts on adjacent local streets;
- Improve traffic operations and safety;

**Project Cost:** \$3,000,000

### **Project Status & Timeline**

Pre-design is scheduled to be completed in 2012 to refine project scope, alignment, and cost.

## 2011 King County Local Need Project Evaluation Criteria

<b>Criteria (select either A or B)</b>	<b>Points</b>	High	Medium	Low
A. Centers				
Center Development	N/A	20	13	6
Benefit to Center	N/A	20	13	6
Circulation within Center	N/A	20	13	6
Mobility and Accessibility	N/A	20	13	6
B. Corridors Serving Centers				
Benefit to Center	17	20	13	6
System Continuity	18	20	13	6
Long Term Benefit/Sustainability	15	20	13	6
Mobility and Accessibility	13	20	13	6
C. Project Readiness/Financial Plan				
Project Readiness	3	10	7	3
D. Plan Consistency				
Plan Consistency	5	10	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>			